

Problems of Mental Ills Far From Solved in State

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There is perhaps nothing more shocking and dismaying to parents than the realization that a child of theirs is mentally retarded. Other disabilities, however severe, and even the death of a beloved child can be borne with fortitude. Mental retardation, though, brings to parents a feeling of almost utter helplessness to

aid the child, and sometimes even a sense of shame which is the unwarranted heritage of centuries of public ignorance and intolerance.

We in California have been prone to boast of our progress in care for those with serious mental problems, but there is sound evidence that we have little reason to do so with respect to mental retardation. For one thing, the record shows that there is a waiting

list of some 1,700 children seeking admission to our mental hospitals. Many of them have been on this list for several years.

IN OUR 1962 Budget Session, we approved an item of \$4.75 million in bond funds for the construction of three multi-purpose psychiatric centers. Primary among their purposes is care of the mentally retarded. These centers were to

be built in conjunction with counties, but so far the application of only one county, Contra Costa, has been approved by the Department of Mental Hygiene, and it still awaits action by the Department of Finance. The Senate Fact Finding Committee on Governmental Administration recently held a hearing to determine the reasons for the delay in getting the program started, and to see whether changes in

law might be needed to speed things up.

A spokesman for the California Council for Retarded Children told the Committee that the program worked out shows a "lack of sound planning." The differing needs of the mentally retarded and the mentally ill have not received sufficient attention, and there is apparent lack of adequate distinction between them by the Department of Mental Hygiene.

costs to the bond program for construction of the multi-purpose centers. It was said that this was a factor in the practical abandonment of its application by Los Angeles County, and for delays in the applications of the only other counties interested, San Francisco and Santa Clara.

ONE COMMITTEE member said that when the Senate approved the bond funds two years ago, it was with the understanding that the state would pay the entire operating costs of the centers. A top official of the Mental Hygiene Department said that he was not aware that the state would pay all operating costs.

The Committee was also told that a federal law providing limited grants for construction of locally operated mental retardation facilities has been passed, but that it will be some time before funds for California will be available. Therefore, our state must lead the way. Mental retardation is no respecter of persons or economic classes, so adequate help for those afflicted with it must be provided.

Warrior Students Hear About Space

Dr. George Gleghorn, Space Technology Laboratories, Inc., told more than 100 students at West High School Tuesday of the capabilities of the Orbiting

Geophysical Observatory (OGO). The students, members of the Electronics Club, Science Club, and mathematics classes,

were shown a model of a satellite, which is being built for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The OGO laboratory is expected to be launched by NASA within the next five or six years.



DR. GEORGE GLEGHORN

Organization Honors Two

Dr. Arthur D. Schwabe and Nancy Telfer were among 87 California physicians to be honored by the American College of Physicians — an international organization representing 12,300 specialists in internal medicine and related fields. Drs. Schwabe and Telfer were selected as associates.

Only physicians who have satisfactorily completed post-graduate education requirements and demonstrated a proficiency in their special field of medicine are granted honors, according to Dr. Wesley W. Spink, president of the internist group.

Film clips of recent OGO tests and the placing of the small satellite into STL environmental chamber were shown to students.

The address was sponsored by the West High chapter of the California Scholarship Federation. Miss Gloria Anderson, president of the group, arranged the program.

FOR SOME years there has been on our statute books a law which provides for a co-operative state-local program of providing psychiatric care centers for the mentally ill. At first the state contributed 50 per cent of the cost of maintaining such centers, but last year this percentage was increased to 7.5. At present, a total of 20 counties and communities are participating in this program.

The Committee was informed that Mental Hygiene has apparently tried to apply the requirement of this law that the county and community contribute 15 per cent of operating



INSTALLED . . . Dr. Allan Pyeatt (left) of Torrance was installed president of the Los Angeles County Optometric Society at the annual installation banquet Wednesday night. Handing over the gavel is Dr. Irving Nelson who served as president during the past year. The Los Angeles County Optometric Society is the largest such society in the nation.

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